

# **Bicycle Advisory and Safety Committee**

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## **Purpose**

The Bicycle Advisory and Safety Committee's (BASC) purpose is to provide knowledge about cycling:

- Advance education
- Enable planning
- Encourage cycling
- Develop safe transportation facilities in the Huntsville area.

## **Goals and Objectives**

The goal of BASC is to offer comprehensive guidelines to create a more "bicycle-friendly" environment in and around Huntsville by implementing and monitoring the objectives developed collectively by the committee.

### **Goal #1**

Elevate motorist awareness and responsibility.

- Develop knowledge for law enforcement and motorists about cyclists' rights to the road.
- Utilize traffic engineering to educate motorists with signs and road markings to increase multimodal awareness.
- Assist planning to develop better infrastructure that minimizes conflict between vehicular and bicycle traffic.
- Publicize motorists' obligation to share the road.

### **Goal #2**

Elevate bicyclists' awareness & safety.

- Provide information for law enforcement and cyclists' regarding rules of the road.
- Provide directional signage and road markings for safe access on roadways.
- Facilitate bicycle education programs.
- Publicize bicyclists' rights and responsibilities.

## **Goal #3**

- Improve facilities for bicycles.
  - A safe, continuous, all-inclusive bikeway network.
  - Develop traffic engineering and planning strategy to design safe roads.
  - Update and sustain a comprehensive Bikeway Plan.
  - Provide adequate facilities for bicycle commuting to include: bike racks/parking, bike-friendly traffic signals, and shuttle access.

## **Goal #4**

- Promote bicycling in Huntsville.
  - Develop media campaigns to promote bicycling as a viable means of transportation.
  - Advise and monitor planning policy to create a Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC)\*.
  - Encourage business' support of bicycle commuting.
  - Aid city implementation of Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)\*\* and safe routes for commuters.
  - Create a City of Huntsville website link to BASC which provides information and collects public comments for review.